

Badger Creek Fire Update

Thursday, July 19, 2018

Badger Creek Fire Statistics:

Start Date: June 10, 2018

Start Location: 2 miles NW of Mountain Home, WY

Approximate size: 21,310 acres

Approximate containment: 93%

Cause: Under Investigation

Assigned Personnel: 26

*** Last daily update for Badger Creek Fire. Updates will only be given when fire behavior or containment changes.**

Current Situation: Today, the Badger Creek fire was transferred over to the local forest with a smaller Type 4 organization. The fire still remains a full suppression fire, and firefighters will continue to work towards that when it's safe to do so.

Yesterday, the dry and windy conditions produced some small, but visible smoke with minimal fire behavior. Firefighters will continue to suppress hot spots that have the potential to threaten the containment lines and structures, and monitor the others that do not pose a threat.

Flash floods and debris flows are a concern when heavy rain develops in the burn area. The public is encouraged to listen to weather radios, radio stations and sign-up for the National Weather Service's Weather Alert notification. You can sign-up by going to <https://www.weather.gov/alerts>.

The National Weather Service is also on social media.

Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NWSCheyenne>

Twitter at <https://twitter.com/NWSCheyenne>.

Closures and Public Safety: The Emergency Closure is still in place and prohibits all public foot, bicycle, and vehicle traffic, along with drones. This includes all spur roads and trails that enter into the burned area, with the exception of authorized emergency resources on official duty and persons with a permit specifically authorizing them to be there. This closure allows firefighters to continue their work on the fire. The closure order and map are available on InciWeb.

Fire Restrictions: Stage 1 fire restrictions went into effect on July 5, 2018 on all National Forest System lands within the Sierra Madre Range and Snowy Range on the Medicine Bow National Forest. For more information and details, visit the Badger Creek Fire's Inciweb closure link at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/5836/43668/>.

Strategy: The Badger Creek Fire has been a full suppression fire from the time of initial response. Firefighters will implement strategies and tactics with the highest probability of success to protect values at risk.

Tip Line: The Badger Creek Fire remains under investigation. If you have information on activity occurring in the area near Mountain Home Off-Highway Vehicle trails north of Forest Road 501 and south of Forest Road 544, please call the Medicine Bow National Forest – Laramie Ranger District anonymous tip line at 307-745-2392.

For More Information:

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5836/>

Facebook: [facebook.com/BadgerCreekFire2018](https://www.facebook.com/BadgerCreekFire2018)

Twitter: @FS_MBRTB

Fire Info Line: (307) 745-2378; Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.